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Visa Services**

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Instructions for Medical Examination of Immigrant Visa Applicants

Each immigrant visa applicant must be medically cleared by a physician approved by the U.S. Embassy before visa issuance, and must present his or her medical examination papers at the Port-of-Entry.

Each immigrant is responsible for arranging his or her own appointment for a medical examination prior to the visa interview. Normally this means that she or he and the accompanying family members should visit an approved physician at least seven days prior to the visa interview appointment date. This will allow time for the examining physician to complete your report in time for your interview. All applicants must bring their passport and a photo of themselves to the medical exam appointment. This list of U.S. Embassy-approved physicians is below. You may visit any one of them, the choice is yours.

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You must pay the doctor's fee, the U.S. Embassy will not reimburse you. The doctor is required to issue you a receipt. The examination fee is Taka 750 (for children) and Taka 2500 (for adults), depending on the cost of laboratory fees.

All immigrants must be vaccinated against infectious diseases. These immunizations are available from the approved physicians, and vary in cost. Immunization may, on very rare occasions, cause undesirable side effects. You should consult with your physician about the risks and benefits of immunizations. If you need additional tests, beyond what is normally done for an immigration medical check-up, in order to complete your medical report to the satisfaction of the examining physician, you must pay these test fees in addition to the flat rate listed above.

A blood test for the antibody to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is required as part of your medical examination if you are fifteen (15) years of age or older. HIV is the virus that is the cause of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). AIDS is the name given to a group of illnesses that may occur in persons infected with HIV. Infection with HIV causes a defect in a person's natural immunity against disease. This defect leaves infected people vulnerable to serious illnesses that would not usually be a threat to anyone whose immune system was intact. This test is not to diagnose AIDS, but to detect antibodies to the virus. If the result is positive, it does not necessarily mean that you have AIDS or will get it. However, a positive test result will mean that you will not be eligible to receive a visa. A positive test result could also have other consequences on your day-to-day activities in this country. The results of your test will be provided to Consular Officer. It also may be necessary to report your test results to the Bangladesh health authorities. You will not be considered for issuance of an immigrant visa without taking this test.

Your medical report will be given to you in sealed envelope. **DO NOT OPEN IT.** Bring it to the Consular Section at the time of your interview. Applicants whose completed medical examinations are not available at the time of their interview, or which are opened before being handed to U.S. Embassy staff, will not be issued visas.

No immigrant will be admitted to the United States if, at the Port-of-Entry, the medical exam is more than one year old. If your visa issuance was delayed more than six months from the date when you took your exam, you may wish to have a new medical exam. Otherwise the expiration date of your Immigrant Visa will be exactly one year after you took your medical exam. *Example:* if you took your medical exam on 15 May 1999, but your visa was not issued until 22 February 2000, your visa will expire on 14 May 2000. If you take a new medical exam, however, your visa will have the full six-month validity, until 21 August 2000. Whether or not you should update your medical clearance depends on how soon after visa issuance you plan to travel to the United States.